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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled)

15. (New) A panel assembly comprising:
 - a support pole having at least one through hole;
 - a first panel attached to a first side of said support pole, said first panel being defined by a structure of welded bars having at least one end bar;
 - a connecting bolt received in said support pole through hole for attaching said first panel to said support pole, said connecting bolt having a threaded stem extending orthogonally from a head and a longitudinal through slit forming a hollow, said hollow receiving the at least one end bar of said first panel; and
 - a nut attached to said threaded stem to secure said end bar to said support pole.
16. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 15, further comprising a second panel attached to a second side of said support pole opposite said first panel, said second panel being defined by a structure of welded bars having at least one end bar, wherein said end bar of said first panel is retained in said connecting bolt slit between said first side of said support pole and said connecting bolt head, and said end bar of said second panel is retained in said connecting bolt slit between said second side of said support pole and said nut.
17. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 16, wherein said support pole comprises at least one transverse plate, said transverse plate positioned perpendicular to a plane of said first and second panels and including said through hole.

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18. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 17, wherein said support pole further comprises a front plate element connected perpendicularly to said transverse plate for hiding said connecting bolt and said nut from view.

19. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 16, wherein said support pole comprises at least one transverse plate, said transverse plate positioned parallel to a plane of said first and second panels and including said through hole.

20. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 15, wherein said end bar is free to move at least one of angularly and axially in said slit prior to attachment of said nut.

21. (New) A panel assembly as defined in Claim 15, wherein said first panel is a fence panels.

22. (New) A method for attaching panels to a support pole, the panels being defined by a structure of welded bars having at least one end bar, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a connecting bolt having a threaded stem extending orthogonally from a head and a longitudinal through slit forming a hollow;
inserting an end bar of a first panel into said hollow of said connecting bolt;
inserting said connecting bolt into a though hole of said support pole; and
attaching a nut to said threaded stem of said connecting bolt to secure said end bar to a first side of said support pole.

23. (New) A method as defined in Claim 22, further comprising the step of:
inserting an end bar of a second panel into said hollow of said connecting bolt;
and
attaching said second panel to a second side of said support pole opposite said first panel, wherein said end bar of said first panel is retained in said connecting bolt slit between

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said first side of said support pole and said connecting bolt head, and said end bar of said second panel is retained in said connecting bolt slit between said second side of said support pole and said nut.